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The Palace, Bangalore.

31st July 1922.

My dear Raja Sahib,

I was delighted to hear from you, after a long and trying interval. I was daily looking out for your letter and it came at last.

His Highness is extremely sorry to hear that your second son was so ill. He hopes that he is quite well again and that no occasion will ever arise for an operation.

With regard to our questions, we don't know what has happened about the Subsidy, but it seems the question is under the active consideration of the Government of India. They have asked us for some information regarding the cost of maintaining Imperial Service Troops.

As regards the surplus, we are likely to get in all Rs 30 lakhs on account of past surpluses, which amount to Rs 36 lakhs. The whole of last year's surplus (7 lakhs) is going to be paid to us. The outlook is thus distinctly cheering. Rs 10 lakhs have already been paid in. The balance we hope, will follow soon.

I am looking forward to Mr. Sheo Narayan's visit to us next month. Pity, you won't be with us. I hope that you have not changed your mind and that you will come a couple of months later.

His Highness desires me to send his best wishes to you and at the same time to apologise for his delay in writing to you.

I am writing to Mr. Jones about the dedication of his book to His Highness.

With kindest regards,

Yours Ever,

Sd/ Mirza M. Ismail.